# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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CONCRETE ROADS
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways laid in concrete results in 15% savings in fuel bills in comparison to bitumen roads;

(b) if so, facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct all National Highways in concrete in the country; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RET KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b) No study has been conducted for savings in fuel on concrete roads in comparison to bitumen roads.

(c) & (d) Both bitumen and concrete type of pavements are being considered for development of National Highways. Option of pavement type depends on a number of factors including type of subsoil, climatic conditions, traffic and relative costs.